

RICHES OF THE CONGO.

A MISSIONARY ON THE WONDERS OF AFRICA'S INTERIOR.

Navigable Rivers Flowing Through Forests of Rubber and Redwood Trees—The Natives.

Dr. A. Sims, a Baptist missionary, who has returned to Philadelphia after a year's residence in the Congo free state, talks very interestingly of the Dark Continent. "The present great interest in the new world which has been opened up to European and American enterprise arises from its making the interior accessible."

"The advantages presented by the Congo," said Dr. Sims in an interview, "are unequalled anywhere in equatorial Africa, unless, perhaps, by the Niger. It is only within the past three months that we have any exact knowledge of the capabilities and resources of the country, for the tributaries of the great river have just been explored and the information of its peoples obtained. The Congo passes through a country about 800 miles square, containing about 1,000,000 square miles, traversing it first north, then across and then south. Most of this country is pure virgin forest. It has immense tributaries flowing into it, ramifying some for 120 miles and some as far as 800 miles. The greatest tributary is the Mobangi, which is, as it were, a repetition of the Congo, being at its mouth twelve to fifteen miles wide; 450 miles in the interior it is two miles wide; 400 miles in the interior it is half a mile wide in the mountain gorges. The opportunities for reaching the southwest of the Sudan by this river are unequalled, and by its means a great riverine hiatus is filled, and even the remotest parts of equatorial Africa are now accessible by navigable rivers."

"The Loika, which I recently ascended to nearly three degrees north of the Mombutu people in the Central Sudan, where from the rounded clay houses and native cutlery it was plainly evident that we were among Southern Sudanese populations discovered some time ago and described by Schweinfurth and Junker. I descended the Lomani river, which runs due south from the opposite side from the Ahwimi for 250 miles, till we were right along the Watwa, mentioned by Stanley in his recent work. At our turning point the river went still south and was navigable for probably several hundred miles. In addition to these, there are the Buluki, Lulonga, Ikelamba and Casi rivers penetrating into all the remaining country, added to which are such rivers as the Mukuani, Mboshi, Ntsala with the western tributaries of the Great Mobangi, which drain all the country at the back of the seaboard, from the Cameroons to the Gaboons, and empty themselves into the Congo."

"Now as to the resources, soil, and that much disputed question, the climate!"

"The resources of the region are great and mainly undeveloped. Perhaps half of this vast territory is virgin forest of great thickness and value. Wherever I have been the great rubber wealth of the country is yet untouched. This will be accessible as soon as the natives find there is a market for it somewhere on the river. Considering that at present the rubber supply of America is inadequate, it is plain that sooner or later this equatorial supply will be tapped and immense fortunes realized. The quantity of ivory which lies unused and is, comparatively speaking, of no value in this region is untold."

"Everywhere I saw a vast amount of it utterly wasted or applied to base purposes, being used even as chopping-blocks and to be obtained for a trifle. The forests are filled with redwood, which is worth \$200 a ton in the European market, but, owing to the present existing difficulties of transport on the Lower Congo, is worthless and was put by us into the furnaces of the steamers. Gum copal is found everywhere in a fossil state. The forests there contain three species of palms, one of which yields a valuable oil which the natives extract. While yet undeveloped, the palm oil industry promises to be one of the richest on the Upper Congo when Mr. Stanley's railway is completed. The country of the Upper Congo is exceedingly fertile. The natives make clearings in the forest for their gardens and plantations by cutting the tops of the trees and filling the stumps to their roots. Plantains, bananas, maize, tobacco, manioc, peanuts and yams are cultivated. We have frequently found coffee growing wild in this part of the country. From my knowledge of coffee plantations on the African coast I am convinced that coffee plantations on the Congo would be very successful."

"How did you find the people?"

"The people in the Upper Congo show a remarkable spirit of friendship, which promises well for their future progress in civilization. We anticipate that they will rapidly become quiet and amenable to the laws of the state. They suffer greatly from incursions of Arabs, who devastate their houses and villages, and carry off their women and children. The captives treat their captives with the greatest cruelty. The natives are hardy and industrious, with great commercial instincts and a spirit of enterprise. On the upper portions the natives are given to cannibalism in its most revolting forms. This, I think, is attributable to the scarcity of meat and fish. The sentiment of the women and children and many of the men is against it."

"Is the Congo free state, in your opinion, a success?"

"Yes. Its political aspects are daily improving. The State is exercising a great influence over the natives. Intertribe warfare is ceasing; treaties are being made; the state is seeking to open the country to civilization and commerce, to establish friendly relations among the chiefs and to protect property. The Europeans in the State number about 300, including Portuguese, English, Belgians, Dutch and Scandinavians. The Stanley railroad will greatly aid in the development of the country. With Mr. Stanley at the head of it, there is no question of its success. I speak from my knowledge of the man. The way is now being surveyed, and there are no engineering difficulties in the way."

"Have the people any religion?"

"They have no conception of a god of any kind, and worship nothing. They believe in charms to keep off evil. They do not believe in sickness or death

as natural, and seek out the cause when one dies or is taken ill. Many persons are thus killed in punishment, and were it not for this the population would increase very rapidly. They have appreciated the Gospel, and listened attentively to our teaching. The children are attending our schools, of which there are eleven. These people present a very hopeful field, free as they are from the superstitions of Mohammedanism, with next to no knowledge of God, and nothing of the Gospel. I believe they will readily appreciate a plan of salvation and lay aside their vain superstitions."—*Philadelphia Press.*

HEALTH HINTS.

Cover a burn immediately with the pulp of a raw potato.

Muscular exercise in pure open air is the point of fatigue is the best possible prescription for sleeplessness.

Rub warts with lemon juice three or four times a day. It is said it will remove them. It will be a harmless experiment anyway.

If one sins against his head, or his lungs, or his stomach, he must bear the penalty in his own body. There is, in this case, no vicarious atonement.

A late novelty in use of poultices, is to wet a sponge in a concentrated decoction of mustard, and wrapping it with a handkerchief bandage for application. It is readily renewed by simply again immersing in the same liquid.

Sponge off your neck, throat and chest in cold water every morning, dry quickly with a soft towel, then rub with a rough one; do not be more than a minute about it, and a sore throat will rarely trouble you. A towel may be roughened by dipping in strong brine, then drying.

Whether onions have a soporific effect upon all persons must be determined by the use of them. The lamented Mr. Frank Buckland found them beneficial after mental fatigue, followed by sleeplessness. Onions prepared by the following method have afforded relief to many persons suffering from insomnia. To each quart of onions allow a quart of cold water with half a teaspoonful of salt. Let the onions simmer for two hours. Drain them thoroughly when cooked and let them become quite cold. Mix one tablespoonful of butter with one tablespoonful of flour, adding salt and pepper, and pour on the mixture one pint of boiling milk, stirring constantly. Put the onions in the sauce and set them on the fire until they boil.

Hold on to what you have rather than to reach for what you cannot get.

There is nothing so much prevents us from being as we desire of appearing young as the desire of appearing young.

Wealth legitimately acquired is valuable, and is only valuable when thus acquired.

We are often in the most slippery places when we think our foothold the firmest.

Manners are what vex or soothe, corrupt or purify, exalt or debase, barbarize or refine us.

Covetous ambition, thinking all too little of which it presently hath, supposes itself to stand in need of all which it hath not.

There is little pleasure in the world that is true and sincere beside the pleasure of doing our duty and doing good. I am sure no other is comparable to this.

A dull man is so near a dead man that he is hardly to be ranked in the list of the living; and as he is not to be buried whilst he is half alive, so he is as little to be employed while he is half dead.

The heart is the key of the world, and of life. We often live helpless amidst the most dreary circumstances in this world that we may love others and minister to their happiness. Through our very imperfections we are often more capable of influencing others, and this strange influence expounds the riddle of our existence.

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Something About Salt.

Rev. Thos. Stack, of Alexandria, gave a lecture on a "Grain of Salt," recently, at Loyola college, in Baltimore. The lecturer explained, in all detail, the necessity of common salt for the preservation of food, and the powerful part it plays in giving to the gastric juice of the stomach a never-failing source whence it may extract the requisite quantity of inorganic or mineral acids. Hence, one of the direct punishments inflicted on criminals in the pagan world was to feed the condemned on saltless food. "With the advance of civilization," said the lecturer, "the demand for salt has increased enormously. It is estimated that in the United States alone over 30,000,000 bushels of salt are annually consumed. To draw a comparison: While every Frenchman is allowed sixteen pounds of salt yearly, an Englishman's portion would be twenty-two pounds, but each citizen of the United States receives yearly rations of nearly fifty pounds. There is no danger, however, of our exhausting the salt supply, so abundantly does it occur in nature, both in the solid state, as rock salt, and in solution in sea-water, salt lakes and salt springs. Mines of rock salt have been recently explored in the Caucasus, and the mines of Wieliczka, in Austrian Galicia, have been worked for at least six, but probably for upward of eight centuries."

Professional Perjurers.

"A while ago," said a well-known Buffaloian yesterday, "I had a lawsuit in Chicago. Just after the case was called my lawyer called me out and asked if I knew the man who sat near me in the court room. I said I did not; never saw him before. Well, I said the lawyer, 'do you want him for a witness?' 'No,' I answered, 'what do I want him for?' I never saw him before in my life. Who is he?' 'He's a professional perjurer,' the lawyer replied, 'and will swear to anything you tell him to. I didn't think you wanted him, but I thought I'd let you know.' The case went to trial without the perjurer, and I lost it."—*Buffalo Courier.*

In one year the people of this country use about 150,000,000 steel pens. If placed in line the pens would reach from New York to Liverpool.

NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

Large buttons still prevail.

Black lace dresses are popular.

Jet is as much the rage as ever.

The rage for tinsel is unabated.

Trains are made unusually long.

Flourishes are entirely out of fashion.

Stockings are worn to match dresses.

Ribbons are in demand for trimming.

Torchon lace in all colors is entirely new.

Round hats are more worn than bonnets.

The short spring wraps have long front tails.

Illuminated leather is fashionable for shoes.

Powdered hair is quite the correct thing.

Braiding retains its place as a favorite trimming.

Wool calvas with satin stripes is shown in all colors.

Dresses are trimmed with lots of little ribbon bows.

Ginghams with tufted spots are shown in all the leading colors.

Persian embroidery is cut out and is "applied" on woolen costumes.

Embroideries and beads being still in favor, flat trimmings will predominate.

Browns, tans, creams and nasturtium reds predominate over grays in wooleens for spring wear.

Very large and deep collars of embroidery are a feature in little girls' and small boys' spring dresses.

Mrs. Sara Davidson, of Lower Boulder, M. T., shot a bear, and with the bounty paid for a sewing machine.

Mrs. Dolly Madison is the only lady who has ever been, by resolution, invited to a seat on the Senate floor.

Old-time unbleached stockings are in demand, but they are bought for wear under colored silk or wool hosiery.

Some aesthetic society women have revived the old fashion of wearing roses of natural flowers on their slippers.

Mountain chevrons, soft and heavy, are excellent for mountain and seaside wear. They are in stripes and check and chevion effects.

Lady Macdonald, wife of the premier of Canada, has a private car when she travels about the dominion or through the United States.

SELECT SIFTINGS.

In Cholula, Mexico, one can buy "500-year-old deities for a few cents, and household gods at \$1 a peck."

A man of Baltimore drives four horses tandem, the wheeler being tremendously big, the next of moderate size, then a small one, and the leader a pony.

It was customary for the Romans to envelop themselves in a wrapper of coarse woolen cloth after violent gymnastic exercise. This was to prevent the chance of taking cold.

To keep postage stamps in the pocket or memorandum book without sticking, a New Orleans postoffice clerk advises people to rub the sticky side over the hair two or three times. The oil of the hair coats the mucilage and prevents it from sticking.

Six gold medals have been given to St. Jacobs Oil at World's fairs and exhibitions, for being the best pain-cure. It is, itself, better than gold. It cures rheumatism and every other painful trouble. It never fails.

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European papers remark upon the good imitation of celluloid now manufactured from potatoes.

It is not certain that the wreck found on Mount Ararat is the remains of Noah's Ark; but we are certain that Allen's Lung Balm will cure the ravages of constipation we see now-a-days. All druggists sell the Balm. Price, 25c. per bottle.

It is said that there are 1,000,000 children in England who do not attend school by reason of the poverty of their parents.

Saving the Lawyers.

"The first thing we do, let's call all the lawyers." This is rather a blood-thirsty proposition, which we modify by offering to cure this disease in common with nearly all others of sedentary habit, from the injurious effects of dyspepsia, indigestion, piles, loss of appetite, and other ailments caused by a costive habit of the body. Dr. Pierce's "Pleasant Purgative Pills" eradicate all these disorders in promptly removing the cause thereof, and induce a rare degree of comfort and health.

A copy of the first book on arithmetic, of which only two copies exist, was sold in London recently for \$30.

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Miss SERA H. ASTOR is said to be as energetic as ever in her work for woman's suffrage.

A Cure of Pneumonia.

Mr. D. H. Barnaby, of Owego, N. Y., says that his daughter was taken with a violent cold which terminated with Pneumonia, and all the best physicians gave the case up and said she could live but a few hours at most. She was in this condition when a friend recommended Dr. Wm. Hall's Balsam for the Lungs, and advised her to try it. She accepted it as a last resort, and was surprised to find that it produced a marked change for the better, and by persevering a permanent cure was effected.

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